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On July 26 Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to Ambassador Tens Kapoma, MOFA Permanente Secretary and Acting Deputy Foreign Minister (FYI - until a few months ago PermSec Kapoma was the Zambian PermRep to the UN and prior to that he served as the Zambian Ambassador to the DRC. End FYI). PermSec Kapoma's reaction was enthusiastically favorable - he knows Ambassador Swing personally and is familiar with the Ambassador's distinguished career in various African countries as well as with his expertise on refugee issues. Kapoma stated that Ambassador Swing was highly qualified and "if it is up to me, he has my vote."